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RESPONSE

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August 1, 2005

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005.

The requirement for election of a single disclosed species of the allegedly patentably distinct species identified by the Examiner as Species (1), the specifics of the liquid crystal display (LCD) device where the formation of reflection films is obviated in the vicinities of projecting portions which are formed in the pixel regions comprising a first embodiment corresponding to claims 1 and 4 - 8; Species (2), the specifics of the LCD device where the formation of reflection films is obviated in the peripheries of spacers which are formed in the pixel regions comprising a second embodiment corresponding to claims 2, 4 - 6 and 8; Species (3), the specifics of the LCD device where the formation of reflection films is obviated in the peripheries of spacers which are formed in the pixel regions except for portions which face a direction of rubbing on an orientation film which is brought into contact with the liquid

crystal comprising a third embodiment corresponding to claims 3, 4 - 6, and 8; and Species (4), the specifics of the LCD device comprising columnar spacers formed by selective etching material air comprising a fourth embodiment corresponding to claim 9; such requirement is traversed as being a mischaracterization of alleged patentably distinct species, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that Species (1) and (2) relate to the first embodiment, as disclosed in this application, and should be considered together since claims or features do not represent species. (See MPEP §806.04(e)). Thus, applicants submit that the Species (1) and (2), as identified by the Examiner represents a single species and should be considered together. Accordingly, withdrawal of the election requirement, as set forth, is requested.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species (2) with claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 being readable thereon. In this regard, although the Examiner indicates that claims 1 - 9 are pending in this application, claims 1 - 13 are pending in this application in light of the Preliminary Amendment filed November 25, 2003, which is of record in the application based upon the records in PAIR.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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